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## Office of Communications

## Media Advisory

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### Memorial Day Observance at World War II Memorial

- **WHAT:** The National Park Service (NPS) and the Friends of the National World War II Memorial will observe Memorial Day at the World War II Memorial with a public wreath-laying. The ceremony will pay special tribute to the veterans who died in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theatres, as well as to this nation's women who went into this country's factories, mines and fields to help supply and support the troops. The Armed Forces Color Guard, Military District of Washington will make the presentation of colors. The United States Army Band Brass Quintet will perform a musical tribute.
- **WHEN:** 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 31, 2010.
- **WHERE:** World War II Memorial, located on 17<sup>th</sup> Street between Constitution and Independence Aves., Washington, D.C.
- **WHO:** Former Senator Charles S. Robb ( D- VA); Peggy O'Dell, Regional Director, National Park Service, National Capital Region; Lieutenant General (Retired) Claude Mick Kicklighter, Friends of the National World War II Memorial.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

This memorial celebrates a generation of Americans who emerged from the Depression to fight and win the most devastating war in world history. This ceremony will pay special tribute to all the Veteran Service organizations for their dedicated and valuable service. The Freedom Wall's 4,000 gold stars honor the more than 400,000 Americans who gave their lives in the war.

#### **EDITOR'S NOTE:**

*News media are invited to cover the Memorial Day Observance at the World War II Memorial at 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 31. Very limited parking for microwave and satellite trucks will be available beginning at 8:00 a.m. on South Elm Walk, immediately south of the WWII Memorial on 17<sup>th</sup> Street. South Elm Walk is the pedestrian sidewalk accessed only from southbound 17<sup>th</sup> Street. There is NO crew car parking at the World War II Memorial on "Home front Drive" at any time. Crew car parking is on your own. All cables must be covered or "yellow jacketed" to eliminate any tripping hazards. Live coverage of this event requires making advance arrangements with the NPS Communications Office at 202 619- 7400 today. Please bring valid press credentials and a photo ID.*

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